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Ralph Johnson
Reading City
815 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Re: Final NPDES Permit – Sewage - 3F
Reading STP
NPDES Permit No. PA0026549
Authorization ID No. 974763
Reading City, Berks County

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your NPDES permit is enclosed. Please read the permit carefully. The permit expires on the date identified on page 1 of the permit. A renewal application must be submitted to this office 180 days prior to the permit expiration date, if a discharge is expected to continue past the expiration date of the permit.

For upgrades to the existing facilities, a Water Quality Management (WQM) permit application must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the anticipated date for initiating construction, and a WQM permit must be issued prior to initiating construction. Consent Order deadlines for the submittal of the WQM permit application must also be met, as you are aware.

Part C of the permit contains requirements relating to Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing. These requirements have changed in comparison to previous permits. Please review the WET requirements carefully and contact this office if you have questions. Additional information may be found on DEP's website at www.depweb.state.pa.us/wett.

The Department received your comments on the draft NPDES permit, dated October 16, 2013. Our responses to those comments are attached to this letter.

Some changes have been made to the draft permit as a result of your comments and comments received from the U.S. EPA:

- The Supplemental Information notes #2 and #3 on page 4 have been re-worded;
- Part C.I.K has been corrected to be consistent with the hydraulic capacities given in the Supplemental Information notes #2 and #3;
- Paragraphs J and L from Part C.I. of draft permit pertaining to the Delaware River Basin Commission requirements have been reworded into paragraph J of Part C.I. in the final permit;

- The Part C.VII. paragraph from the draft permit, concerning receipt of natural gas wastewater, has been omitted due to EPA's comment and since such wastewater was not a part of your application;
- A separate line was added to the permit limits table for outfall 001 to clarify that a grab sample and a 24-hour composite sample are necessary for Total Dissolved Solids (because composite sample results support the monthly average limit whereas the grab sample results support the instantaneous maximum limit; a composite sample type is not compatible with an instantaneous maximum limit).

We would like to bring to your attention to the enclosed information about the Early Warning System (EWS). The EWS may be useful to initiate an alert by reporting an event to downstream water suppliers and industries. We encourage you to use this notification procedure when needed.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717.787.3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800.654.5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained from the Board. The appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure are also available in braille or on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board at 717.787.3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST REACH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD.

IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE, HOWEVER, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD (717.787.3483) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Boylan at 717.705.4813.

Sincerely,

/s/

Maria D. Bebenek, P.E.
Environmental Program Manager
Clean Water Program

Mr. Ralph Johnson

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Enclosures

cc: U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (electronically)
Delaware River Basin Commission
Central Office, Division of Operations, Monitoring and Data Systems
Shawn Arbaugh, PADEP-SCRO, Inspections